

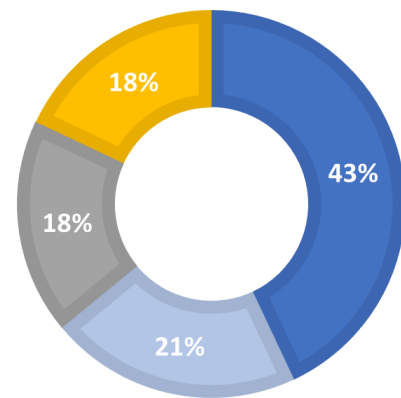


# Your Gifts: Changing Lives, Building Ministries

As we emerge from this period of disruption and isolation in our congregations, we have felt the pain and frustration of distance, of diminished resources, and of our ability to connect in the ways to which we are accustomed. However, as we take inventory of our spiritual resources, the strength of our community, and our capacity for generosity, we realize that there is now, and always has been, More Than Enough.

## MINISTRY AREAS

- Prayer & Worship
- Study & Learning
- Community Life
- Action



### ***Prayer and Worship (43%)***

In person and online, we pray, sing, and celebrate the Eucharist, the liturgy, and our faith-filled journey together.

- Sunday Eucharist (English & Spanish)
- Clergy
- Wednesday Eucharist
- Lectors & Intercessors
- Centering Prayer
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Compline
- Acolytes
- Altar Guild
- Sound Technicians
- Choir
- Greeters & Ushers
- Administrative Staff
- Office Volunteers

*Having served at St. Johns for over a decade now, I have grown spiritually and mentally in my faith and love for Jesus Christ. This has helped me on my journey from observing as a member in the pews of the church, to serving my brothers and sisters as a member in the ministry. The Eucharist is an important ritual in which we renounce our sins and accept the bread and wine signifying our acceptance of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. As a member of the ministry we have a commitment to assist in gathering materials for the distribution of the bread and wine in accordance with the liturgy, which will strengthen the bond we all have as children of our lord. This is of great importance to me and the rest of the community of St. Johns, as it allows us to advance in our growth spiritually and our relationship with God. -Andrea Castro*

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## Action (18%)

Together, we care for one another and honor our commitment to our community through caring acts and offerings of love.

- Communications
- Pastoral Care
- Tiny Homes
- Outreach – Supports many causes, including:
  - Camp Michael
  - Chaplains on the Harbor
  - Monarch Justice for Children
  - Cielo
  - Olympia Free Medical Clinic
  - Community Kitchen
  - Kairos
  - Union Gospel Mission
  - Mission to Seafarers
  - St. John's Shelter Meals
  - El Hogar
  - Episcopal Relief and Development
  - Thurston County Food Bank
  - Interfaith Works

*Pastoral Care is the link between the congregation and parishioners who are unable to attend church for either long or short periods of time. It's a way to keep them included and let them know they are not forgotten. Through visits, cards and phone calls they can feel like they are still a part of the church body. They are able to receive the Holy sacrament of Communion and Pastoral visits in time of need. They also know that someone is there to help if they need it after surgery or illness. We don't want anyone to feel alone.*

*I feel very privileged to be part of this ministry. I feel that I am bringing church to the people I visit and that is a humbling experience. I spent my working career helping people and this is an opportunity to help people in a very personal way. –Elaine Ross*

## Community Life (18%)

As a community of faith and friendship, we gather for fellowship, fun, encouragement, and shared ministry.

- Hispanic Community
- CHAT
- Concert Series
- Dickens Faire
- Tri-Parish Picnic

## Study & Learning (21%)

Through lifelong Christian formation, from preschoolers to adolescents to adults, we continue to seek the knowledge that informs and deepens our faith.

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Bible Study
- Library
- Adult Forums

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